

GRASSROOTS: LEGISLATION & LEADERSHIP

We're going to Washington, DC in February. The purpose of our annual trip is twofold - First, to speak directly with our congressional representatives about the current legislative issues that are most important to architects and the practice of architecture; Second, to meet with the leadership from other chapters from across the country and explore ways in which we can work more closely together to become "one AIA".

With regard to legislative issues, there are three specific areas of concern.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The American Institute of Architects has long championed existing Federal tax credits that foster the rehabilitation of historic buildings. This credit provision is now 20 years old and requires updating to improve its effectiveness. There is also a need to focus application of the credits on smaller commercial projects in order neighborhoods where community revitalization is imperative and affordable housing is a pressing need. We are urging Congress to support H.R. 3159, the Community Restoration and Revitalization Act of 2005.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN/ENERGY CONSERVATION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

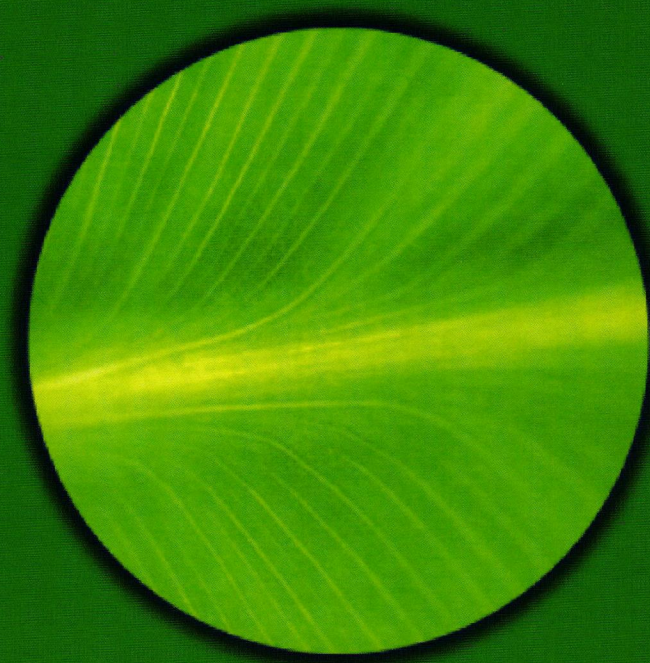
The AIA supports a dramatic increase in the number of high-performance, energy-efficient "green" buildings constructed in both the public and private sectors. This change is vital to America's goal of reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources while protecting the environment and the public health and safety of all Americans. The AIA believes achieving this goal will require a significant federal legislative commitment to changing the incentives for energy.

The AIA is urging three legislative steps -- (1) Support legislation that would cap greenhouse gas production and allow the trading of production "credits" as a means of cost effectively slowing and reversing trends in climate change; (2) work with the National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS) to assess the effectiveness of current voluntary rating systems and consensus standards for high performance buildings, and (3) support funding a pilot project to demonstrate the lifecycle cost-effectiveness of "green" design in public buildings and the economic impact of legislation to create tax incentives for private sector owners of "green" buildings.

SMALL BUSINESS/ASSOCIATION HEALTH INSURANCE

The AIA believes that its members, together with all American workers, deserve the opportunity to participate in group health insurance plans that use the advantage of large pools of insured to structure affordable coverage. For this reason, the AIA supports the passage of S.406 in the U.S. Senate. We are urging Congress to pass legislation that would allow professional and trade associations to offer health care plans to their members and their members' employees by providing coverage across many states.

The effort to unify our organization and organize our resources to benefit all members is essential to building the future of the profession. While in DC, our chapter leaders will confer with others from across the country and will share their knowledge and experiences as well. With 77,000 AIA members nationally, our organization is larger and stronger than ever before in our 150-year history. In 2007, all chapters will join together to launch a national celebration of our 150th Anniversary. Those will be representing AIA Nevada are as follows Larry Macias, AIA - President, AIA Nevada; Dale Scheideman, AIA, Grassroots Leadership Chair; David Frommer, AIA - State Government Network Representative; Wade Simpson, AIA - President, AIA Las Vegas; Curt Carlson, AIA - President-elect, AIA Las Vegas, Ric Licata, AIA - President, AIA Northern Nevada and Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas.



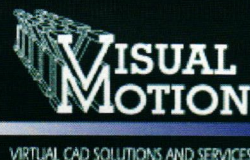
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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WADE SIMPSON, AIA

"History"

Many people that visit or move to our city are found to have said Las Vegas has no history and if it has they tear it down. Randy handed out "A Brief History of AIA Las Vegas" at our January meeting. Is our history brief or just our knowledge of it? The length of history is relative to your own perception. RK

Stewart, FAIA, also at the January meeting, spoke of the history of the Institute on a national level and how AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas tie into it.

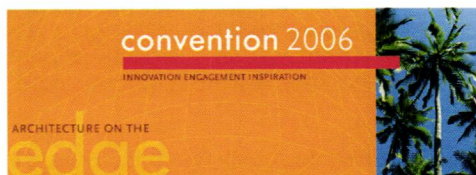
Recently I was honored to help host some of our more venerable members for a lunch to discuss our chapter's history. It was held the same day the Castaways Hotel was imploded. The stories George Tate, AIA Emeritus, Dave Welles, AIA Emeritus, Bob Fielden, FAIA, Dom Cambiero, AIA, Gary Guy Wilson, AIA, Jess Holmes, FAIA and Ray Lucchessi, AIA tell about the "early days" of our chapter and the architectural community are not only interesting and funny but really promotes a sense of history that our chapter has. These oral histories are on video and will be made available to the members in some appropriate format.

Some members have suggested we create an AIA Las Vegas Firm Family Tree. This will provide an interesting diagram adding further information to our chapter's archives. We will pursue this and have more about this later in the year. We will need everyone's input to provide an accurate account of the appropriate connections between firms.

With the AIA's 150 year anniversary taking place next year, Windom Kimsey, FAIA is heading up a committee that will look at local programs within our community to increase awareness and celebrate that milestone (more champagne, pins and Spanish eagles?). We will apply for grants from the AIA to fund any additional programs. There will be continued work on this as we travel to Washington D.C. for Grassroots next month.

I encourage everyone to use the AIA meetings this year to meet some of our "Golden Guys", as Randy calls them, and spend some time listening to some of our chapter's lore.

"History" can help us understand where we are and provide ideas of where we want to go.



AIA CONVENTION 2006

We are pleased to announce that AIA 2006 Convention is being held in Los Angeles and registration is now open!

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Save on your convention registration fees by registering before the March 15 Early-Bird deadline. Make your reservations now and get your choice hotel.

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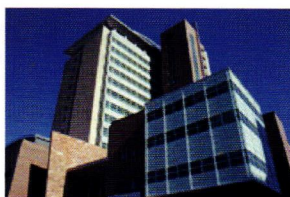
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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PROJECT TOUR:
REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER

We are pleased to announce that our February Membership Meeting will be held in the new Regional Justice Center, with a tour of the entire facility. A past AIA Nevada Design Award-winning project, the Center is one of the most innovative and interesting buildings in the Southwest. The building is designed to house the Nevada Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas Township Justice Court, City of Las Vegas Municipal Court, Clark County District Attorney, Las Vegas City Attorney and the Clark County Clerk as well as all support staff. The tour will be conducted by Michael Summermyer, Court Information Officer, and Frank Wheat, Building Manager with additional building planning and design information provided by Chief Justice Kathy Hardcastle, J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA, and other members of the planning and design team.

Reception will begin at 5:30PM on Wednesday, February 15th, in the Canyon Room, with the tour and presentation at 6:30PM.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 13th to Kelly Lavigne at klavigne@aianeveda.org so that we can plan appropriately for the group.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING



"It's Not Easy Being Green".....but it's getting easier, and at our March Meeting we will find out why. We will welcome all the fresh new sprouts in the architecture profession – students, interns, associates and emerging professionals. We'll explore some new and exciting ways to make projects green and sustainable in our community. And, in keeping with what has become our (March) St. Patrick's Day celebration, we'll enjoy some "green beer" and some corned-beef and cabbage or Irish stew!

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th, 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. We have invited the members of the USGBC to join us for this special evening.

Nevada By Design, Mercury/LDO Reprographics and Harris Consulting Engineers, LLC are sponsoring the meeting.

Be sure to RSVP by Monday, March 13th to Kelly at klavigne@aianeveda.org.

CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RSVP

We need your help in the management of our meeting attendance. We are required to guarantee the number of attendees for each meeting. This guarantee must be given to the hotel/venue 2 days prior to the meeting.

Unless we have your RSVP 2 days before the meeting we cannot accurately plan for the meeting. So we are asking that you PLEASE RSVP for AIA Member Meetings at least 2 days in advance so that we can guarantee an accurate number and keep our costs to only those who attend.

The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name. If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting. Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.



RANDY LAVIGNE HONORED BY AIA

Randy Lavigne, Executive Director for AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas Chapters has been elevated to Honorary AIA. It is awarded to a person of esteemed character who is not eligible for membership in the Institute but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture.

Official presentation of the award will be made to Randy at the AIA 2006 National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.



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NEW GUIDELINES TO CREATE TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENTS

The Las Vegas City Council moved to safeguard the Kyle Canyon Gateway area by adopting a new zoning designation at today's city council meeting.

The "traditional neighborhood development" (TND) designation will enable neighborhood development

that protects unique natural features and features walkable, village-like development. The need for the new designation arose as planning for the Kyle Canyon Gateway area evolved. Located at the outer northwest rim of the valley at Kyle Canyon Road and US 95, the area is distinct in its topography, its proximity to environmental resources and recreation areas, and its position as a gateway to the city.

The new TND designation features:

- Sustainable community design.
- Clear and well-designed street system.
- Diversity of housing types.
- Employment opportunities within the community.
- Preservation of natural arroyos.
- Transit linkages and transportation oriented development.

This new designation can also be used in other areas of the city, said Margo Wheeler, director of the Planning and Development Department for the city of Las Vegas.

"The Traditional Neighborhood Development designation provides for flexible neighborhood design, protection of natural features and lifestyle amenities that people want," Wheeler said. "This designation will help in developing the true live-work-play neighborhoods that are complementary to the unique character of our landscape and vistas that our citizens desire."



LAS VEGAS CSI FOUNDATION OFFERING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Las Vegas CSI is offering three \$2,000.00 scholarships will be awarded this year, the Ethan A. Jennings, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, the Norman E. Potochnick Memorial Scholarship and CSI Foundation Scholarship.

CRITERIA

- Scholarships may be awarded to a student with post education past the 12th grade.
- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college in the State of Nevada.
- Student must be majoring in Architecture, Construction Science and Technology, Construction Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, or Interior Design.
- Student must have a grade average of not less than 2.5 on a point system of 4.0.


REVIEW AND AWARD

- The Scholarship Selection Committee of the Las Vegas CSI Foundation shall review all nominations and make scholarship awards to deserving nominees who meet the eligibility requirements and submit a complete nomination package.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination and letters of endorsement must be received by the Foundation no later than Monday, April 17, 2006 at 4:30 pm.

For more information please contact Jenny Simpliciano at 702.437.5621.



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2005 AIA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Highlights

- 77,698 total membership as of 12/31/05
- 2005 Membership Recruitment
- 3,498 Architects – new and reinstated
- 3,699 Associates – new and reinstated
- 569 Individual Allied – new and reinstated
- 7,766 2005 new & reinstated members
- 3.72% (2,708) annual gain amount Associate, Architect and Emeritus membership.
- 3.95% (2,955) annual gain in all national membership categories.
- 94% 2005 annual retention rate.
- 745 Associate members advanced to Architect status.
- 368 Architect members advanced to Emeritus status.

3 Year at a Glance National Membership Statistics

	2005	2004	2003
Total Members	77,698	74,743	71,534
Retention Rate	94%	92%	92%
New Members YTD	5,672	6,017	5,991
Reinstated Members	2,094	2,259	3,135
Lapsed Members	4,178	4,852	4,974

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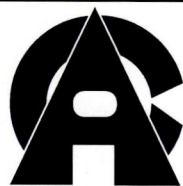
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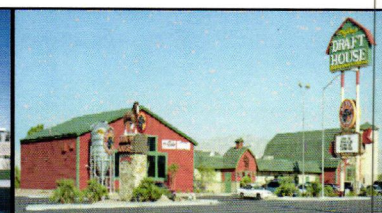
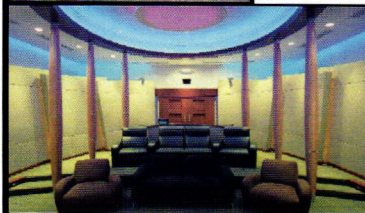
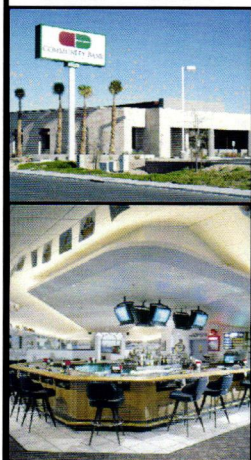
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The American Architecture Awards gives an important overview of the current aesthetic direction of today's commercial, corporate, institutional, and residential work in the United States to the real estate, banking, business, and corporate community, as well as to the press and general public. The program is one of the Museum's most important public education outreach programs produced throughout the year.

The American Architecture Awards is dedicated to the recognition of excellence in architecture in the United States. The program pays tribute and fosters new ideas and new developments in design ideas and underscores the directions and understanding of current cutting-edge processes consistent with today's design thinking. This year's program honors new (2004-2006) corporate, institutional, commercial, residential architecture, urban planning, designed for both built and unbuilt projects alike.

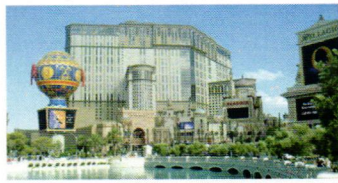
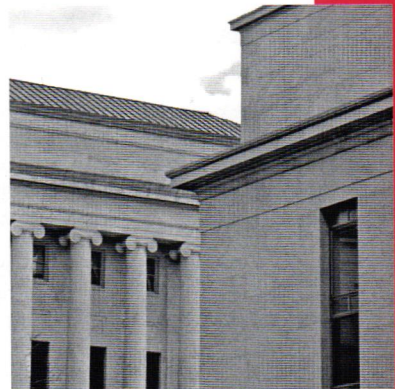
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Submissions must be the work of American architects and architectural firms either working nationally or internationally for projects both in the U.S. and abroad. International architecture firms headquartered outside the United States are eligible to enter projects built in the U.S. only. All questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the Curatorial Department.

Criteria
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WATER STREET SOUTH WINS IMPACT AWARD FROM HDA SH ARCHITECTURE AND SIMMONS CONSULTING JOIN FORCES FOR PROJECT SUCCESS

The Henderson Development Association (HDA) has awarded **SH ARCHITECTURE** and **SIMMONS CONSULTING** the 2005 Impact Award for its design and development of Water Street South, a two-story, 30,500 square foot, office-retail building at the southeast corner of Water Street and Basic Road in the redevelopment area of Henderson.

The \$7 million development, a concept of **RON HALL** and **JOHN SIMMONS**, both Henderson natives, came to fruition because of their past experience and their entrepreneurial vision. "They saw the need for a viable and successful project to serve as the catalyst for future downtown development resulting in Water Street South," said Robert Ryan, redevelopment manager, City of Henderson.

"John Simmons and Ron Hall have done a remarkable job in creating an opportunity for future development in our downtown Henderson area," remarked **COUNCILMAN JACK CLARK**. "The project created 127 permanent jobs, which brings true value to our residents in the City."

Clark County Credit Union, which financed the project, has a 4,200-square foot branch in the building. Nevada State College will occupy 13,000 square feet; its space will include executive and teaching staff offices and classrooms. Other tenants include the City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department and It's A Grind, a coffee house.

"John and I believed in the need to make this development successful," said Hall. "We knew there would be challenges along the road, but that was not as important as completing the project and improving downtown Henderson."

The Henderson Development Association is a division of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and is designed to develop and expand the primary job base of the Henderson area.



INNOVATIVE DESIGN WINS TOP AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN IN US

Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)

Innovative Design, a Raleigh-based architectural firm with an office in Las Vegas, has been selected by the Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) as its first place winner of the 2005 Exemplary Sustainable Building Awards. The firm won the juried, national award for the energy- and water-efficient environmentally sound Heritage Middle School, located in Wake Forest, NC.

Wake County Schools' 150,000 square foot Heritage Middle School incorporates an extensive array of green, whole-building design elements including a rainwater collection system that annually saves 1.8 million gallons of water, extensive daylighting throughout the school that reduces lighting needs by 43% and peak cooling loads by 24%, one acre constructed wetland that minimizes runoff and nitrogen from entering nearby streams, a 250 square foot solar thermal system that heats water for the cafeteria, school-wide recycling, and numerous green products and materials. Despite the comprehensive green strategies, the school was built \$1.4 million under budget.

The school design was recognized by jurors for its excellent daylighting strategies that provide glare-free natural light to all the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria, band room, choir room, and media center. Mike Nicklas, FAIA, President of Innovative Design, stated, "Daylighting has proven to result in higher attendance and better performance. You can't underestimate the importance of the physical environment to student performance. If we create pollutant-free, healthy, daylight spaces, everyone is going to perform better. That's exactly what we have done at Heritage Middle School."

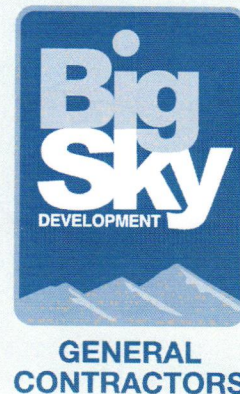
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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LARRY MACIAS, AIA

Just as the 9/11 tragedy brought a new knowledge and wide spread public awareness to the design of buildings, so has the aftermath of Katrina. The devastation of Katrina brought unprecedented public attention and outrage to unacceptable planning, design and intolerable risks taken with known outcomes. This is why a forum such as the Grassroots Leadership Conferences is so important, and as a profession, hopefully, makes a difference.

As Architects entrusted with the health and welfare of the general public, we should be in front asking questions, questioning legislative commitments/ policies; designing and planning a built environment for the future, not repeating or supporting failed public policies or poor decisions that continue to plague our environment, infrastructure and the general health and welfare of our population. These are the design solutions for disasters. The quality of life is not about the economic bottom line nor should the design profession be used as economic pawns working at the behest of politicians.

The 2006 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference provided opportunities for continuing education, networking, advocacy, leadership skills development and sharing insights and ideas among members and groups within the AIA. This is where the AIA makes a difference at a local, regional and national level. Outlined below are the main issues and concerns that have been discussed with our elected officials:

- o Protecting the Brooks Act (Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS)
- o Federal Legislative Proposals for Hurricane Disaster (rebuilding for Long-Term Recovery)
- o Broadening the use of "Cash" Tax Accounting for Architects
- o Brownfields Redevelopment
- o Sustainable Design/ Energy Conservation and the Built Environment
- o Small Business/ Association Health Insurance
- o Affordable Housing/ Community Revitalization/ Historic Preservation
- o 21st Century Schools: School Modernization and Healthy Design

For those interested, all issue briefs are available for review from the AIA National web site. Until next month, enjoy life, be safe and make a difference.

NEW LICENSES ISSUED BY NEVADA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Five new certificates of registration were issued at yesterday's meeting of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD). Of the new registrants, two are architects, one is a registered interior designer and two are residential designers.

Rochelle Wallis (Las Vegas) and Darcey F. Wenzel (Las Vegas) are the new architects. The new registered interior designer is Susan Ford (Las Vegas). The new residential designers are Jeffery L. Isom (Henderson) and Nathan Watkins (Las Vegas).

Individuals wishing to practice architecture, residential design or as registered interior designers in Nevada are required to become registered with the NSBAIDRD. All registrants must meet qualifications, set by the state, including experience and education requirements, as well as pass a professional competency exam.



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A staple in downtown Las Vegas since the 1960's, The Downtowner Motel, located at 129 N 8th St, recently received an art deco-style face-lift designed by **JVC ARCHITECTS**.

The local architecture firm updated the 40,000-square-foot motel to meet the new design criteria of the

City of Las Vegas overlay district. Design included new rails, gates and landscaping, and various overall façade treatments. JVC began work on the project in winter 2004.

MIKE DEL GATTO, AIA has been named partner at **CARPENTER SELLERS ASSOCIATES**. Mike holds architectural licenses in Nevada, California and Florida.

Ten years after being established in Las Vegas, **ACE ENGINEERING** has moved into its new 4,000 sq. ft. office building in Durango Trails at 5195 S. Durango Drive. "This marks the first time we have owned our own building," reported **JASPAL SIDHU**, Principal, founder and owner of the firm. ACE Engineering is a Las Vegas civil and structural engineering firm that specializes in commercial and residential development projects.



KGA ARCHITECTURE announced that **MS. DARCEY WENZEL** was sworn in as a Nevada registered Architect on January 11, 2006. Ms. Wenzel was promoted to an Associate of the firm. "We congratulate Darcey on these important career achievements" said **GEORGE GARLOCK, AIA** Founding Principal of KGA. "We look forward to our future endeavors with her as a senior participant of our organization".

KEN SMALL, AIA and **BEN CANIZARO AIA**, owners of **SANDBERG & SMALL ARCHITECTURE, LLC** are pleased to announce their new company name **SSA ARCHITECTURE** (Small Studio Associates).

SLETEN CONSTRUCTION OF NEVADA, INC. has begun construction of the new Clark County School District High School, designed by **SH ARCHITECTURE**, currently named the Northwest Career and Technical Center. The \$65,750,000

vocational high school project has 213,000 SF, is a LEED certified and will be built on a 30 acre site located at Durango and Tropic Parkway. The school will house 2010 students with the focus being on 6 separate academies. The academies are Hospitality, Transportation Media and Communications, Early Childhood, Medical and Pre-Construction. The specialty areas will include a 7000 SF banquet hall, a daycare center facility, a video production studio and digital photo laboratory. The project is to be completed in the Spring of 2007.



RONALD BOEHM, RCDD, CTS joins **HARRIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS (HCE)** as the Senior Low Voltage Project Manager. With over eighteen years of experience with low voltage systems, Ron has acted as lead designer and/or project manager on a variety of large-scale projects. He has created the technical specifications and construction drawing packages for the design, build and project management of projects as varied as casinos, metropolitan airports, universities, military installations, and resort properties. At HCE Boehm will put this experience to work providing the management of pre-design consultation and complete systems engineering design for low voltage technologies.

THE WLB GROUP has expanded their staff by adding **MICHELE TENNYSON** as Civil Plan Processor and **KEVIN KRAMER** as Civil CAD Drafter/Designer. They also announced that **TAMMI GAUDET** recently became a registered Landscape Architect in the State of Nevada.

LUCCHESI GALATI ARCHITECTS has recently announced their name change to **LUCCHESI GALATI**. They will no longer be using "Architects" after their name.

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LAS VEGAS AIA COTE TRIP TO LA GREEN BUILDINGS

The Las Vegas AIA Committee on the Environment is organizing an overnight architectural tour of LEED rated and other Green buildings in the Los Angeles area.

The tentative plan is to leave early Saturday, March 18 and tour 2 or 3 projects in the Santa Monica area and take a 1-hour guided tour of the A County Symphony building by Gehry. We will stay at a nearby hotel Saturday night and tour 2 more projects Sunday morning and try to get back to Las Vegas by 6 pm.

Some of the other tentative projects to tour include:

Colorado Court Apartments in Santa Monica, Audobon Center at Debs Park in Los Angeles, National Resources Defense Council in Santa Monica, Rice House in Culver City or Scarpa House in Venice and California Institute of Earth and Architecture (N. Kahlili) in Hesperia

V-COTE will be organizing this trip with the help of the Los Angeles Committee on the Environment and we will provide additional tour information as the details get worked out.

If you are interested in going or if you have any suggestions for other green building projects to visit, please contact Rick Van Diepen at 702.435.4448 or rvdiepen@pgal.com.

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As a design professional, your practice has probably reaped some of the benefits of the astonishing growth of the business sector. Architects and engineers are rapidly expanding their clientele based on the high demand for new commercial and residential projects. With the recent passage of the revised Nevada statutes regarding licensing and insurance requirements in contracts, you need to make sure your own business growth stays within the framework of the law.

This one day seminar will address Licensing and Registration Requirements, Risk Management for Designers, Professional Services Contracts, Design Professional's Payment Rights, Emerging Issues for Design Professionals When Working with Counsel, and will be presented by Bill Valent, American Insurance & Investment; Theodore D. Levin and Nicholas M. Wiczorek, partners with Morris, Polich & Purdy, LLP.

The seminar will be held at the Gold Coast Hotel on Friday, March 24, 2006. Registration is \$319.00, and can be made by calling the National Business Institute at 800-930-6182.



UNLV ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

In the January newsletter we announced the Kaplan Architect Registration Exam Study Guides in the Architecture Studies Library. We would like to thank Robin Snyder of Spectra Consulting for her support in purchasing these study guides! Thanks Robin.

AIA Design and Service Awards are posted on the Architecture Studies Library website at <http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/aiaawa05.html>. Architecture Studies Library staff member Paulette Nelson and graduate assistant Ernie Podaca put in many hours and have done a wonderful job of creating an efficient and aesthetically pleasing site!

The Architecture Studies Library has version 3.0 of Architectural Graphics Standards [CD-ROM, 2000].

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- 14 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 15 Membership Meeting -Project Tour: Regional Justice
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- 22 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting

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- 15 Membership Meeting – It's Not Easy Being Green
5:30 2nd Floor Ballroom – Gold Coast Hotel
- 22 AIA Nevada Executive Committee Meeting

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- 11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 14-21 ARCHITECTURE WEEK
Architecture Las Vegas Publication Celebration
Art by Architects Exhibit
CEFPI School Week
- 19 Membership Meeting - AIA High School Design Awards
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